

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS18769C1**

The proposed legislation amends the membership of the Idaho Building Code Board by the addition of an additional contractor-member. The Legislation will adopt the 2006 editions of the International Building Code as well as the International Residential Code. It also corrects the name of the International Existing Building Code and adopts the 2006 edition of it. Also, the proposed legislation will provide that the division, as well as local governments performing building code enforcement activities will be permitted to make such Codes effective on January 1 of the year following the adoption of specific editions of the International Codes by the Idaho Building Code Board. Further, the legislation provides for adoption of subsequent codes through an expanded negotiated rule making process with written notice to affected parties. The legislation also restricts local jurisdictions from adopting amendments to the codes not adopted by the Board, unless the local jurisdiction does so by ordinance after a public hearing with written notice to the affected parties. The proposed legislation encourages cooperation in the adoption of building codes and provides the division and local governments with necessary time to prepare for the implementation of new editions of the International Codes, and will save each additional administrative expenses associated with publishing special guidance outside the normal budget process.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There will be no fiscal impact to the State General Fund. There will be additional costs to the Idaho Division of Building Safety for the addition of one member of the Building Code Board. Local jurisdictions will incur costs to notify the public and other specific entities, in the legislation, of a public hearing. It is anticipated that this proposal will save the division and local governments significant expense by allowing each to wait to publish guidance regarding the implementation of new International Building Codes until the time they typically publish all such annual codes and ordinances at the beginning of the year.

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